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1. The Koprivnice Plant of Tatra National Corporation employs about 5,000 workers, including about 800 clerks and 600 women. The plant is surrounded by a barbed wire fence 3 m high except on the side toward Koprivnice, where a board fence is used. The workshop militia consists of about 250 members armed with rifles and 7.65 mm pistols.* The plant is practically unguarded, but is illuminated by lights placed along the fence at about 60 m intervals. Leading personnel of the plant include the following:**

- h. Manager
- i. Political Deputy
- j. Administrative Deputy
- k. Planning Deputy
- l. Production Deputy
- m. Workshop Chief
- n. Chairman of the Plant KSC
- o. Chairman of the ROH
- p. Chairman of the Union of Young People

Ing. Ladislav Horak,

Emil Hořecký,

Vladimir Bucek.

Adolf Vezmirovsky.

a member of the workshop militia.

Ing. Vaclav Bucek,

Ing. Ladislav Vezmirovsky,

Karel Smahlik,

He is also chairman of the Workers' Council and a member of the workshop militia. He works in the automobile repair department.

Saibert,

Antonin Píkulák.

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1. Commander of the Workshop Militia

Mahcalik, [REDACTED]

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2. Deputy Commander of the Workshop Militia

Josef Vezmirovsky [REDACTED]

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3. Chief of the Automobile Adolf Sajbergr [REDACTED]

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2. The following production sections constitute the Koprivnice Plant of Tatra:

a. Tatrapian Shop

Employs about 150 men and 50 women in the mass production of Tatrapian cars at a rate of about 260 per month. China receives about 45 percent of the output of this shop, the USSR 15 percent.

[REDACTED] The Vitkovice Ironworks supplies most of the semi-finished steel for the use of this and all the other shops in the Koprivnice plant.

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b. Truck, type 1111, Shop

Employs about 150 men and 50 women in two shifts in the production of 10-ton 12-cylinder Diesel trucks of type 1115 and 7-ton 8-cylinder Diesel trucks of type 1116. Almost all trucks are exported to the USSR by rail through Cierna nad Tisou.

c. Machinery Workshop I

Employs about 200 men and 100 women in the production of automobile engines. The plant is completely equipped with about 50 lathes, 20 internal grinders, 60 single-purpose grinders, 60 gear grinders, 20 milling machines, 20 planing machines, 8 horizontal boring machines and 10 polishing machines.

d. Machinery Workshop II

Employs about 200 men and 150 women in the production of parts for tanks and breech blocks for artillery. About 54 tons of tank parts and nine tons of breech blocks per month are shipped in trucks driven by Czech army personnel to an unknown place.

e. Repair Workshop

Employs 64 men and 6 women in the repair of Tatrapians and Tatra V-8 engines. No trucks are repaired in this shop. Shop equipment consists of 2 lathes, 3 boring machines, 2 milling machines and 4 grinders.

f. Railroad Car Shop

Employs about 200 men in the production of railroad cars at a rate of about 30 per month for export to the USSR. These cars, built for broad-gauge lines, are shipped by freight car to the USSR via Cierna nad Tisou.

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In this shop a passenger car similar to the American Jeep, a one-ton military truck and prototypes of the Monopost, a new Tatra racing car, and the Tatrapiar-Sport, are being tested. The testing shop employs about 45 engineers.

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- 1. Chrome-plating Shop Employs about 50 men in two shifts.
- 2. Forge Employs about 30 men in two shifts.
- 3. Tempering Shop Employs about 100 men in two shifts.

4. The plant's electric power is supplied by the power station in Moravska Ostrava. Steam for driving certain of the grinders and for heating is supplied by a central boiler plant, which employs about 45 men in three shifts. The plant has three high-pressure boilers and consumes about 15 carloads of coal per week.

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* Comment: The workshop militia trains once a week, but does not actually guard the plant. Its weapons are stored except during training and the militia is available for use only in case of emergency.

* Comment: There are five employees named Veznirovsky and two named Czech working in this plant; none of them are related.

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